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## TRIAL OF JESUS

### "HAD HE BLASPHEMED WHEN HE CLAIMED KINSHIP WITH GOD?"

#### His Guilt or Innocence Must Be Passed Upon by the Individual

Those who heard Chandler of New York deliver his lecture on "The Trial of Jesus" at the Chautauqua last Sunday, heard the most scholarly and absorbing lecture of the course. Jesus was tried three times in one day. The first trial was by the Jews upon the charge of blasphemy. He had claimed kinship with the Jehovah and the mob had howled until he was taken before the Sanhedrim or great council of the Jews before which all religious trials were had. Some of the laws which governed the procedure in this court, the violation of which should have been sufficient to set aside a trial, were as follows:

1. The court could not try an accused person at night.
2. If all seventy members of the Sanhedrim agreed that the accused was guilty it should be no trial as such a verdict would indicate that the accused had no friend present but was in the hands of a mob.
3. No accused person could be compelled to testify against himself.
4. The youngest member of the Sanhedrim should vote first in order that his judgment should not be influenced by the votes of his elders.

Every one of these laws was violated in the Jewish trial of Jesus. The arrest in the garden was made a little before midnight and the mob followed him to the great council where he was immediately tried. The verdict of the Sanhedrim was unanimous, all voting for his guilt. When Jesus was brought to trial and no witnesses could be secured against him the High Priest twice tried to force Jesus to take the stand and testify, finally saying "I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the son of God."

Jesus saith unto him, "Thou hast said: Nevertheless I say unto you, hereafter shall ye see the son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven."

Thus it was that all law and precedent was set at naught, and Jesus, the accused, compelled to testify against himself.

The youngest member of the council should have voted first, but upon the statement of Jesus above quoted, "The High Priest rent his clothes saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses."

Thus every known form of law and precedent was violated in the trial of the Christ.

Rome having conquered Judea, a Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate, was in control of the commonwealth. Rome recognized the Sanhedrim and all of its judgments save the death penalty. When ever this judgment was pronounced a Roman trial must be had. Consequently when the Jewish council condemned Jesus to death the mob hurried him to Pilate for trial. Pilate was a coward. He heard the witnesses and found no evil in Jesus. But the mob howled "crucify him," and Pilate washed his hands of the whole matter and permitted Jesus to be executed for blasphemy, which was not a crime under Roman law.

The lonely Jesus scourged through the hours of the night by the mob, maltreated, denied the rights granted by the law, railroad to the cross, presents a figure of sorrow and pathos that shall

appeal to the hearts of man "till the surges cease to roll."

"Was he guilty?" asked the lecturer. "Had he blasphemed when he claimed kinship with God?" If he were a mere man he was guilty. If he was the son of God he was innocent. His guilt or innocence must be passed upon by the individual. All through the ages man has been asking himself the question of Pilate, "What shall I do with Jesus which is called Christ?"

The great crowd which heard Mr. Chandler was delighted with the lecture, which, by common consent, is acknowledged the best of the course.

### CREDIT DUE THEM

#### All Should Feel Grateful to Our Chautauqua Management

Now that the chautauqua is over our people should stand as a unit in their thanks to the management for its success. It was a success and a grand one. True, there were a few weak points, as is always the case in long programs of like nature, but all in all it was far above the average chautauqua, and the experience of the past two years will enable the management to strengthen the weak points in the future.

To the gentlemen who had the affair in charge too much praise cannot be given for their untiring efforts. They gave their time, labor and money without a thought of compensation other than success, and that this was gained was evidenced by the large crowds on the grounds.

Now that the chautauqua is to be an annual entertainment in our city, let everybody carry his share of the burden and aid in making it an affair worthy of the community in which it is held.

### Will Leave Falls City

We are more than sorry to state that Rev. Dunkleberger has accepted a call to assume charge of the Christian church at Harvard, Neb., and he and his estimable family will leave next week for their new home.

Rev. Dunkleberger and his family have made many warm friends among us who are sorry to see them go but wish them success in their new home.

Mr. Dunkleberger in leaving goes with nothing but the most kindly feeling for all his church people here, and knows that he is leaving some of his dearest friends, especially the clergy of the city, who have shown him nothing but kindness during his residence among them.

Rev. Dunkleberger's year with us has been a very busy one. Aside from his regular duties he has officiated at twenty-one funerals and many weddings. The Harvard charge is a splendid one, having a membership of 500, a beautiful brick church and nice parsonage, and they have made a wise choice in their leader.

The Tribune is especially sorry to lose Mr. Dunkleberger, as he has always been of great service to us in his reports of all things of importance in his line. Our best wishes go with him.

### Baptist Church

Morning service at 11 o'clock, evening service 8 o'clock, Sunday school 9:45 a. m., prayer meeting Wednesday 8 p. m. After the recreation and many good things we have received during the Chautauqua, we ought to be ready for good church work and lots of it. Our Sunday services will be made more interesting and helpful by special music. Miss Snyder's singing needs no comment and we want you to come to our services and enjoy them.

## BIDS REJECTED GOT THEIR MAN

### DRAINAGE BOARD HAD MEETING TUESDAY

#### All Bids Were Rejected and Board Agreed to Re-Advertise for New Bids

The drainage board met Tuesday morning and R. E. Grinstead, drainage commissioner, in the presence of the board opened the sealed bids for the construction work on the ditches and other drainage improvements. The following bids were received:

C. H. Sternberg & Sons of South Bend, Ind., \$337,050.01.

Northern Construction Co., Elkhart, Ind., \$279,207.22.

G. A. McWilliams, Walnut, Ill., \$277,818.61.

A. V. Wills & Sons, Pittsfield, Ill., \$277,331.08.

Callahan Bros., Omaha, Neb., part of work only, \$103,051.71.

Canal Construction Co., Chicago, part of work only, \$196,290.06.

Walsh Construction Co., Davenport, Iowa, \$277,064.76.

Pollard-Campbell Dredging Co., Omaha, Neb., \$272,228.82.

After the bids were tabulated Mr. Grinstead filed a report recommending that all the bids be rejected as being largely in excess of the estimates of Engineer Munn, and for the further reason that he believed that a combination existed among the contractors and that there was no fair or free bid offered. Upon consideration of the circumstances connected with the bidding, the board rejected all bids offered and ordered a re-advertisement for bids September 18, 1908.

Some of the firms represented have had large experience in this class of work and have successfully completed their contracts in other states. The members of the board feel that this work should be done for 9 cents per cubic yard or less, while the best offer was about 10 1/2 cents. The contractors claim that owing to the many crossings of the stream the work cannot be done as cheaply as they have taken contracts for elsewhere, some as low as 8 cents, where the work is straight away work and continuous digging.

### Horse Badly Injured

The old family horse of John W. Powell received injuries Saturday evening which may prove fatal. Mr. Powell had made a trip from the Chautauqua ground and was returning again and just as he was turning the corner near the Weaver barn ran into a horse driven by Charley Whetstone and coming from the opposite direction. The Whetstone horse was going at a pretty good gait and neither driver saw the danger in time to turn out and in the collision the shaft entered the breast of the Powell horse to the depth of about twelve inches causing a very ugly wound. The other horse was hurt in the same manner but not so badly. Both animals were given prompt attention, and it is thought the Whetstone horse will recover completely, but there is some doubt as to the other.

### Big Cattle Sale

We will sell at Metz's sale pavilion, Falls City, at 1:30 p. m. on Saturday, August 22nd, to the highest bidder, 40 head of coming 2-year old steers, all good color, good quality and deboned. Ed Morgan will sell 21 head of the best Wyoming horses ever sold in Falls City, at the same place and date.

MEYERS & HOOVER.

### OFFICIALS ARRESTED HORSE-THIEF SATURDAY

#### After Considerable "Sweating" by Our Officers Robert Gordon Admitted Guilt

As Billy Casey and Con Sanford were coming from the depot last Saturday, they met a man riding a horse and in conversation with him the man let drop a few remarks which aroused the boys' suspicions and they at once reported to Sheriff Fenton and Chief of Police Marts, who later saw the man watering his horse at the fountain on Stone street and began questioning him. As soon as he discovered he was talking to officers of the law he made an effort to get away, but was placed under arrest not, however, without resistance and a gun play, but the weapon, which was loaded all around, and a goodly supply of cartridges were taken from him and he was then taken to the cell in the court house and after a great deal of coaxing on the part of the officials confessed that he had stolen a horse. The facts are these: The man, who gave his name as Robert Gordon, had worked for a John Buersting near Troy, Kans., and went from there to St. Joe. Last week he came back to his old employer and stole a horse from the pasture, and also a saddle from a neighbor. He rode to Kulo, where he traded horses to a Mr. Young, receiving \$10 in money and the horse found in his possession here. After a complete confession, Deputy Sheriff Griffin of Troy was notified who came to this city and took the prisoner back to the scene of the theft.

The two horses were delivered to their rightful owners on Monday.

Our officials always have their eyes open, and when a criminal lands in Falls City he is just as good as caught, for they will get him before he has a chance to leave town.

### A Farmer's Views.

Suppose some eloquent fakir should advise the people, and the farmers especially, to vote for schemes that would reduce the price of their products at least one half, and ask them to contribute money to elect him to carry out those principles: in complying to such a request we farmers would be marked down on the bargain counter as monumental suckers. Now what more is Mr. Bryan doing when he calls on the farmers to pay one dollar or more to elect him president, after advising them against protection, sound money and a general expansion of business. Imagine Lincoln, Garfield, Harrison, McKinley, Roosevelt or Taft stooping to such an undignified and brazen position as to beg laboring people for money to help elect them to the presidency. Not much, Mary Ann, I guess we had better stick to our big prices, good times and put our dollars in our well regulated banks.

A FARMER.

### A Worthy Enterprise

Realizing the inability of many to attend a day school, but who desire to obtain a good business education, Prof. J. Carl Leister of the Falls City Business College, has determined to make this possible by conducting a night school, where one can gain a thorough knowledge of book-keeping, shorthand and penmanship. To all who desire such we will say that Prof. Leister is a thorough instructor in all these branches, and you will find it time and money well spent if you attend this night school. If you are interested, consult the Professor and he will be pleased to give you all the information you desire.

### LYCEUM COURSE

#### Entertainments And Lectures For Falls City

Three of each will be given in Falls City in the shape of a Lyceum Course. Booklets will soon be distributed. Preserve them, they will inform you of dates, terms, etc.

George R. Stewart of Tennessee will be here, also William Rainey Bennett of Indiana. These two men are the very best that can be secured. The Sumner-Davies Orchestra and Male Quartet will also be here. These and the Carolina Jubilee Co. will delight the music loving people.

James M. Totten will please any audience with his Riley selections in dress and his magic. In magic as well as in his readings he has few peers.

Dr. George Lamonte Cole has the best illustrated lecture to be heard on "The Primitive People in America."

Watch for further announcements.

As the Chautauqua has pleased so many people it is expected that the Lecture Course will have to be still better to please as well. It has been the aim to furnish talent that will do this. Do you wish to get on good terms with everybody, then come out and enjoy yourself. Season tickets on sale now.

### New Books at The Library

Following is a list of the new books received at the library this week:

#### ADULT—FICTION.

Fair Margaret..... Crawford  
Up and Down the Sands of Gold.....  
.....Devereaux  
Davenant..... Kinross  
Magistrate's Own Case..... Rosekrantz

#### JUVENILE—FICTION.

Fairy Reader..... Baldwin  
Another Fairy Reader..... Baldwin  
Little Black Mingo..... Bannerman  
Edith's Burglar..... Barnett  
Winifred West..... Channing  
Just Sixteen..... Coolidge  
Signal Boys..... Eggleston  
Across the Campus..... Fuller  
Phaeton Rogers..... Johnston  
York and a Lancaster Rose..... Keary  
Two Royal Foes..... Madden  
Two Children in the Woods..... Richards  
Adventures of a Doll..... Smith

#### NON-FICTION.

Reading, How to Teach it..... Arnold  
Story of my Childhood..... Barton  
Mind That Found Itself..... Beers  
True History of the U. S..... Brooks  
How to Tell Stories to Children..... Bryant  
Leaf and Tendril..... Burroughs  
To the Top of the Continent..... Cook  
Place of Industries in Education..... Dopp  
France, Peeps at Many Lands.....  
..... Finnemore  
Japan, Peeps at Many Lands.....  
..... Finnemore  
Seventeenth Century Men of Latitude.....  
..... George  
Graded List of Poems and Stories.....  
..... Gilbert & Harris  
Scotland, Peeps at Many Lands.....  
..... Grierson  
City of the Seven Hills..... Harding  
Man and his Work..... Herbertson  
Daily Notes of a Trip Around the  
World..... Howe  
Childhood of Jeshib..... Jenks  
Education by Plays and Games.....  
..... Johnson  
Whose Home is the Wilderness..... Long  
Origins of Inventions..... Mason  
Primary History of the U. S..... McMaster  
Winning the Boy..... Merrill  
Engineering Work..... McCullough  
Adventures With Indians..... Michils  
Home Life in all Lands..... Morris  
Aloe Freeman Palmer..... Palmer  
Mornings in a College Chapel.....  
..... Peabody  
Wandering Heroes..... Price  
Educational Reformers..... Quick  
Life in Song..... Raymond  
Ballads and other Poems..... Raymond  
Aztec God and other Dramas..... Raymond  
Sea Stories..... St. Nicholas  
Days and Deeds..... Stevenson  
Anthropology..... Tyler  
Stories From English History.....  
..... Warren  
New Worlds for Old..... Wells  
Smiling Round the World..... Wilder  
Sunshine..... Willets  
From the Child's Standpoint.....  
..... Winterburn  
Cry of the Children..... Van Vorst

## DEATH'S RECORD

### CLAIMS ONE OF OUR LEADING CITIZENS

#### James M. Whitaker Passes Away Saturday Night After Prolonged Illness.

When the news that James Whitaker was dead reached our people on Sunday morning, a deep gloom was cast over our city, for he had many friends who had hoped that relief might be given to the stricken one and he be spared to us, but it was ordered otherwise and on Saturday night, August 15, 1908, at 9:30 o'clock, James Whitaker passed from this life into the great beyond, at the age of 47 years, 2 months and 24 days.

James M. Whitaker was born in Cooksville, Tenn., May 22, 1861, where he grew to manhood. He came to this city with his parents in March, 1883, and had lived here almost continuously since that time. He was married several years ago to Miss Margaret Beachy, but no children were born to them.

For a number of years he was employed in the hardware store of W. H. Crook, where he was a most efficient employe, winning the highest respect of all with whom he came in contact. Leaving this position he accepted an appointment under Governor Holcomb as assistant in the state auditor's office, during which time he lived in Lincoln, becoming a close and valued friend to many of the leading politicians of the state. At the close of Gov. Holcomb's term Mr. Whitaker returned to this city and embarked in the real estate business, being identified with the firm of Whitaker Bros., one of the most successful real estate firms in this city.

About a year ago his health began to fail, but nothing serious was apprehended until last spring, when his friends noticed his condition and prevailed upon him to go to Excelsior Springs, which he did, but to no avail, and a few weeks ago he returned, since which time he has been confined to his home, suffering from a complication of diseases, finally terminating into tuberculosis of the bowels, which caused his death.

The funeral services were held from the home Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Oliver, assisted by the M. W. A. lodge, of which order deceased was an honored member. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. Interment was in Steele cemetery, where the remains were followed by many sorrowing friends.

With the going of James M. Whitaker, Falls City loses one of her best and most loyal citizens whose place can never be filled. He leaves besides a wife and mother, five brothers, Dilard of Norton, Kas.; J. G. of Kansas City, and Bert, Tom and Doll of this city, and three sisters, Mrs. J. M. Schoenheit of Kansas City, Mrs. G. M. Barrett and Mrs. Henry Wyatt of this city to mourn the loss of one who has ever been a kind and loving husband, son and brother. To them we extend our deepest sympathy.

### Marriage Licenses

Earl Clark, Morell, Kas..... 18  
Kate Shouse, Falls City..... 18  
Logan Covert, Hiawatha, Kas..... 21  
Minnie Evans, Hiawatha, Kas..... 19  
Wm. Koso, Falls City..... 23  
Emma Brecht, Falls City..... 23